

The obvious thing to do would be to radically adapt the scenario so that it was a girls' school. That would create spanking opportunities aplenty, such as Nyssa being mistaken for a member of the school and getting spanked by the headmistress for being out of uniform. It would also mean that instead of Turlough the new companion would be a naughty schoolgirl - nuff said! But it's also cheating.

The best situation within the terms of the story as screened is probably Tegan's first encounter with the Brigadier. Let's make it more acrimonious: Tegan is trespassing, and it's bad for the boys to have a provocatively dressed young woman wandering around the school. (Actually I don't find her Season 20 outfit all that sexy, but it was obviously intended to be.) Tegan, for her part, doesn't care to be ordered around by this old male chauvinist, so the confrontation escalates to the point where the Brigadier remarks that he'd know what to do with her if she were a boy. By this he means one of his pupils, but Tegan takes it as another patronizing sexist remark. She *insists* on being treated as an equal, so the Brigadier gets out his cane. One whacking later, and Tegan remarks that it's worse than the spankings she gets from the Doctor. And we're back with the TV storyline as the Brigadier remembers his old scientific advisor.

I quite like this scenario, even though I'm not especially turned on by caning. (A bit too sadistic for my taste.) I did toy with the idea of Tegan backing down a bit and the Brigadier giving her a spanking instead. There are two problems with that, though. Firstly, Tegan's backing down wouldn't be consistent with the assertive feminism that makes her foolishly talk herself into the situation in the first place - she has to take a caning or lose face by accepting a lesser punishment. Secondly, because I work from the assumption that Tegan has been spanked by the Doctor in previous stories, the ending would have to be slightly different, and, I think, less effective: she can't say it's worse if it's only another spanking.